

7. (Amended) Energy line guide chain of claim 1, characterized in that the joint body (42) comprises in the region of its free end portion a radially outward directed collar (45).

9. (Amended) Energy line guide chain of claim 1, characterized in that the crosspiece (4,24) comprises a convexly curved portion (9,29), which lies in a plane extending substantially crosswise to the link plate (2,22) and engages an opposite portion (10,30) made to correspond with the convexly curved portion (9,29), the portion (9,29) of the crosspiece (4,24) of a chain link (1,21) engaging the portion (10,30) of the crosspiece (4,24) of an adjacent chain link (1,21).

11. (Amended) Energy line guide chain of claim 9, characterized in that at least the portion (9,29) and the portion (10,30) are made symmetrical with respect to an axis (11;31) extending substantially parallel to the longitudinal axis of the energy line guide chain.

12. (Amended) Energy line guide chain of claim 1, characterized in that two adjacent chain links (1;21) comprise two spaced-apart outer joint axes (13), that the adjacent chain links (1;21) comprise crosspieces (4;24), whose overall extension between the joint axes (13) is greater than the spacing between the outer joint axes (13).

13. (Amended) Energy line guide chain of claim 1, characterized in that at least two adjacent chain links (1;21) comprise two opposite crosspieces (5;25) extending in spaced relationship crosswise to the longitudinal direction of the energy line guide chain (12;35), wherein in a stretched state of the energy line guide chain (12;35), the crosspieces (5;25) of the adjacent chain links (1;21) extending in a common plane

are spaced from one another, and wherein these crosspieces (5;25) adjoin one another in a curved region.

14. (Amended) Energy line guide chain of claim 1, characterized in that a crosspiece (40) is adapted for detachably connecting with its one end to a link plate (38), and that it connects to the other link plate (39) by means of a film hinge (48).

16. (Amended) Energy line guide chain of claim 14, characterized in that the crosspiece (40) forms a cover.

17. (Amended) Energy line guide chain of claim 1, characterized in that at least one link plate (38,39) comprises at its one end a stop element (61) and at its other end a stop surface (62), the stop surface (62) being designed and constructed substantially parallel to a center plane of the link plate (38,39).

18. (Amended) Energy line guide chain for running lines between a stationary and a movable connection, with jointed chain links (1,21,37) of plastic, in particular in accordance with claim 1, the guide chain comprising at least one connecting link (63), characterized in that the at least one connecting link (63) comprises a base body (64) with at least one receptacle (68), which is adapted for receiving a connection element mounted to a connection point, and a locking element (80) cooperating with the base body (64), which is used to secure the connection element to the base body (64).

22. (Amended) Energy line guide chain of claim 19, characterized in that the locking element (80) is displaceably connected to the base body (64), so that in a locking position, the locking element (80) impedes at least the deflection capability of the wall (69), and facilitates it in another position.

28. (Amended) Energy line guide chain of claim 18,  
characterized that the receptacle (68) fully extends through  
the base body (64).

29. (Amended) Energy line guide chain of claim 18,  
characterized in that the receptacle (68) and the connection  
element are designed and constructed rotationally symmetric.